

INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: FAO In-Country Training Program - NORWAY

1. **PURPOSE:** To provide a summary of the FAO in-country training program and facilities available in Norway to assist in selection and arrival time of replacement personnel. Projected in-country trainees should use the information provided to contact incumbent trainees and/or FAO supervisor as early as possible for more detailed information.

2. **FACTS:**

a. Summary of Program:

(1) Tour Length: Approximately 15 months.

(2) Normal Arrival/Departure Dates: May through Aug of the following year.

(3) Program Description: Attend University of Oslo's International Summer School (May). This school is highly recommended but not required. The Norwegian Armed Forces Staff School (Forsvarets Stabsskole) in Oslo, normally begins the first week in August and ends mid-June the following year (10 months). In-country/regional travel orientation and study is completed after the staff school.

(4) Prerequisites: CPT/MAJ; branch immaterial (CA recommended); Norwegian 3/3/3 recommended; gender/race--no restrictions exist.

b. POV: POV shipment authorized. American cars are rare and difficult to repair.

c. Household Goods: Shipment of household goods authorized. Incoming FAOs should coordinate with resident FAOs for recommended items to bring as accompanied and unaccompanied baggage. A personal computer with modem is highly recommended.

d. Housing: Local economy. FAO receives OHA. Expensive, but allowances cover cost. Assistance can be obtained through Defense Attache Office and Embassy.

e. Support Facilities:

(1) Medical - DOD personnel utilize CHAMPUS approved private medical center. CHAMPUS/TRICARE deductible is waived.

(2) Dependent Schooling - Children of DOD personnel attend International School, Grades K-12.

(3) PX/Commissary - In Stavanger, 9 hours by car. Small duty-free store in Embassy.

(4) Language Instruction Availability: Oslo Summer School; embassy and local community.

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3. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

a. Bring materials from OAC/CAS3/CGSC.

b. Normally, 1 USMC officer also attends Staff School.

c. FAOs can report early if required. 15 months needed to attend both international summer school and Norwegian Staff School plus travel.

d. Regional travel priorities:

- (1) Priority one: Sweden, Denmark, Finland, United Kingdom.
- (2) Priority two: Baltic Republics, Poland, France, Belgium, Germany.
- (3) Priority three: Netherlands Spain, Czech Republic, Hungary.

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